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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

OF THE

TOWN OF CANTERBURY

INCLUDING A REPORT FROM THE

BOARD OF EDUCATION

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

MARCH 1, 1889.

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ANNUAL REPORT OF TREASURER, SELECTMEN, AND SCHOOL BOARD,

OF THE TOWN OF CANTERBURY, FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1889.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

FRANK W. MORRILL, *Treasurer*,
In Account with the Town of Canterbury.
DR.

To amount from former treasurer,	$913 67
Cash of Olwyn W. Dow, from A. C. Bennett,	9 10
" Joseph Faulkner on account of bills paid by the town,	59 11
" J. S. Elkins, money on town note,	200 00
" J. P. Dearborn, for use of town hall,	13 65
" Charles H. Fletcher, old plank,	1 50
" Joseph P. Dearborn, for grass in cemetery,	6 00
" Geo. H. Gale, land rent,	3 00
" railroad tax,	240 33
" savings bank tax,	1,608 66
" literary fund,	140 13
" Merrimack County,	404 49
" S. S. Davis, collector,	835 00
" F. S. Davis, administrator of S. S. Davis' estate,	563 60
" F. S. Davis, collector,	1,929 43
Rec'd of F. S. Davis, collector, non-resident highway receipts,	47 93
" abatements on account of Warren A. Stone, over-tax in 1888,	11 80
" other abatements,	16 70
" Myron C. Foster, collector for 1886,	

Cr. by Ira S. Holmes, illegal school house tax, 1886,		3 70
" Charles Smith, " " "		6 65
" Charles E. Sargent, " " "		70
" John C. Morrison, over-tax on timber, 1886,		15 82
" neglect of highway surveyors, "		8 96
" other abatements,		5 14
" cash,		81 83
		$7,126 90

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

Paid J. B. Sanborn, stationery, etc.,	$ 9 23	
R. C. Collins, printing town reports,	41 50	
Chase & Streeter,	62 50	
J. Hadlock, repairs for road machine,	8 20	
Joseph Heath, watering trough to March, 1889,	3 00	
Benjamin T. Putney, covering stone for cesspools,	25 00	
Charles Elliott, for lighting common,	5 00	
Boston & Lowell R. R., freight,	35	
Lyman A. Conant, moderator, March, 1888,	1 25	
Henry L. Clough, drawing covering stone for cesspool,	10 00	
E. E. Graves, returning births and deaths,	1 25	
A. S. Bronson, returning births and deaths,	1 00	
J. P. Dearborn, care town hall,	15 00	
H. W. Clapp, cesspool heads,	20 25	
Ira S. Holmes, land damage,	3 74	
A. H. Brown, inventory book,	8 50	
George P. Morrill, decoration appropriation,	15 00	
James F. French, interest on Whidden fund,	8 00	
H. K. Farnum, use of derrick, 1887,	6 00	

C. F. Elliott, draining common,	130 00
Andrew T. Grover, labor on drain,	15 75
William W. Wheeler, damage by reason of insufficiency of highway,	10 00
Roland Green, guide-post and board,	3 00
Charles Smith, moderator, Nov., 1888,	1 25
Charles Smith, snowing Penacook bridge,	5 00
Charles Smith, services and expenses on check-list,	2 40
Charles Smith, non-resident highway tax,	1 26
Charles Smith, paid C. H. Colby, labor on highway,	75
J. E. Kimball, services as selectman, after report of 1887,	3 50
O. W. Dow, attending Northfield road hearing, and expenses two days,	4 35
A. H. Brown, returning marriages,	1 05
" " " births,	1 05
" " " deaths,	3 00
" " burial permits,	3 15
" " returning record of soldiers to adjutant general,	50
P. C. Clough, watering tub on highway,	3 00
Charles Peverley, watering tub on highway,	3 00
John James, lighting Boscawen bridge from March, 1888, to March, 1889,	30 00
Lyman A. Conant, labor on drain,	36 50
" " one cord wood,	4 00
Myron C. Foster, labor on burying ground,	3 75
Henry W. Hutchins, cutting bushes in burying ground and labor on drain,	3 50

Andrew T. Grover, labor on drain,	4 88	
John H. Batchelder, watering tub on highway,	3 00	
George H. Gale, repairs on road machine,	7 00	
J. A. Pattee, returning births and deaths,	1 75	
Simon Cass, breaking roads,	4 00	
O. W. Dow, postage and incidentals,	3 00	
Judith A. Dearborn, right to drain common through her land,	15 00	
James S. Elkins, note and interest,	208 00	
		$761 16

State tax,	$1,465 00
County tax,	1,135 88

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid J. F. Nichols, breaking roads,	$5 00	
Andrew T. Grover, " "	5 00	
John Snider, " "	5 55	
H. W. Hancock, " "	5 00	
B. H. Colby, labor on highway, June and July, 1887,	9 91	
Joseph Glover, breaking roads,	1 50	
C. H. Colby, " "	4 50	
S. K. Boyce, " "	6 00	
Charles Peverley, " " and for labor employed,	20 25	
James F. Noyes, " "	14 25	
J. S. Colby, " "	15 00	
John F. Lake, " "	25 03	
B. E. Pillsbury, breaking roads,	6 30	
E. M. Lyford " "	6 08	
Thomas S. Tucker, " "	20 00	
George E. Wiggin, " "	5 20	
C. H. Ayers, " "	15 00	
Jeremiah Smith, " "	8 10	

C. F. Adams, running road machine,	12 30
C. F. Elliott, " "	18 75
Albert Blanchard, breaking roads,	3 00
Lewis Colby, " " and for labor employed,	18 75
John F. Lake, labor on highway, June, 1888,	14 82
Albert Blanchard, labor on highway, June, 1888,	16 65
George W. Lake, breaking roads to Shaker Hill and for labor employed,	12 00
John S. Nelson, breaking roads,	12 00
P. C. Clough, " "	5 75
Frank E. Reed, " "	3 13
Alson M. Reed, " "	3 13
W. D. Ingalls, " "	3 56
Thomas C. Smith, " "	4 10
R. Green, " "	2 25
S. M. Clifford, " "	1 37
C. G. Brown, " "	1 75
O. W. Dow, " "	7 26
Alfred Shaw, " "	3 70
John Smith, " "	4 63
Geo. F. Blanchard, " "	6 00
A. J. Dearborn, " "	3 44
H. W. Hancock, " "	7 00
Edwin G. Heath, " "	2 00
P. H. Jones, " "	4 00
Moses C. Sanborn " "	1 00
C. H. Colby, " "	1 00
Thomas C. Smith, " "	1 25
W. Y. Sargent, " "	2 22
C. W. Whitcher, " "	2 00
Robert J. Smith, " "	5 00
John Glines, " "	3 00
Elias S. Pickard, " "	3 00

Warren D. Pickard, " "	2 75	
C. J. Chamberlin " "	1 12	
Frank O. Pickard, " "	10 00	
E. M. Lyford, " "	2 25	
C. H. Fletcher, " "	8 00	
J. W. Ham, " "	43	
B. E. Pillsbury, " "	3 45	
Samuel Gilman, " "	1 50	
George W. Peverly, " "	5 00	
George W. Lake, " "	8 00	
Charles Colby, snowing Penacook bridge, 1887-88,	6 00	
Joseph Heath, labor on bridge,	2 25	
Warren Chaplin, cutting bushes,	1 50	
H. W. Hancock, labor on highway, summer, 1888,	3 75	
Daniel Randall, repairing bridge railing,	1 00	
Frank W. Chase, non-resident highway tax,	1 38	
Bertie C. Reed, non-resident highway tax,	6 75	
Myron C. Foster, breaking road,	10 00	
A. H. Brown, " "	3 10	
Byron P. Ingalls, labor on highway, Dist. 22, June, '88,	13 05	
Abram Sargent, non-resident highway tax,	6 12	
Lowell Beck, non-resident highway tax,	4 10	
		$469 23

FOR THE SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Caroline F. Emery, treasurer of school board,	$1,425 50
School district tax,	130 00

AID FOR THE POOR.

Paid on acc't of	Lizzie S. Weston,	$104 00	
" "	Mary Miller,	78 14	
" "	Moses Wilson,	10 00	
" "	Amos C. Bennett,*	81 34	
" "	Joseph Faulkner,*	59 11	
" "	John B. Carter, Jr.,	125 75	
" "	Nathaniel Battes,	14 50	
			$472 84

*See treasurer's report.

SHEEP BILLS.

Paid	George F. Blanchard,	5	sheep,	$15 00
	Albert Blanchard,	1	"	5 00
	Charles N. Clough,	2	"	5 00
	John S. Nelson,	1	"	5 00
	S. S. Davis,	2	"	8 00
				$38 00

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid	Alfred H. Brown, clerk,	$25 00	
	Lewis Colby, supervisor,	10 00	
	P. C. Clough, "	12 00	
	J. P. Kimball, "	12 25	
	O. W. Dow, selectman,	67 33	
	Lyman A. Conant, "	53 87	
	Henry L. Clough, "	58 50	
	Frank W. Morrill, treasurer,	25 00	
	O. W. Dow, overseer of poor,	38 25	
	S. S. Davis, collector,	19 05	
	Frank S. Davis, "	42 23	
	Luther Sargent, member school board,	33 65	
	Caroline F. Emery, " "	41 46	
	Lowell T. Mason, " "	16 50	
	Joseph G. Clough, auditor,	1 88	
	S. K. Boyce, "	1 87	
			$458 84

RECAPITULATION.

Total receipts,		$7,126 90
Paid miscellaneous bills,	$761 16	
roads and bridges,	469 23	
support of schools,	1,425 50	
school district tax,	130 00	
aid for the poor,	472 84	
sheep bills,	38 00	
town officers,	458 84	
state and county tax,	2,600 88	
non-resident highway receipts and abatements,	117 40	
outstanding order,		3 00
Cash in hands of treasurer, March 1st, 1889,	656 05	
	$7129 90	$7129 90

FRANK W. MORRILL, Treasurer.

OLWYN W. DOW,
LYMAN A. CONANT,
HENRY L. CLOUGH,
} Selectmen of Canterbury.

Canterbury, March 1st, 1889.

REPORT OF AUDITORS.

The undersigned have carefully examined the foregoing accounts, and find them accurately cast and properly vouched, and a balance due the town of $656.05 in the hands of the treasurer.

JOSEPH G. CLOUGH,
S. K. BOYCE.
} Auditors.

FINANCIAL STANDING OF THE TOWN OF CANTERBURY, MARCH 1, 1889.

Due March 1st, 1888, from S. S. Davis, collector,	$ 220 87	
Tax list committed collector, 1888,	4,085 80	
		$4,306.67
S. S. Davis and his estate paid treasurer,		1,398 60
		$2,908 07
Committed to Frank S. Davis,	$2,908 07	
Paid in cash receipts and abatements,	2,005 86	
	$902 21	
Unworked 1887 highway taxes,	7 78	
		$909 99

ASSETS.

Due from Collector Lyford,	$ 19 26	
" " Frank S. Davis,	909 99	
Town of Northfield costs in road case,	4 35	
Earl L. Milliken cemetery lot,	5 00	
Cash in hands of treasurer, March 1st, 1889,	656 05	
		$1,594 65

LIABILITIES.

Sally and Eliza Randall note,	$854 58	
Mary E. Heath note,	261 32	
		1,115 90
Assets above liabilities,		$478 75

DOG TAX.

Dog tax on hand, March 1st, 1888,	$161 50	
Dog tax for 1888,	104 00	
		$265 50
Paid sheep bills,	$38 00	
Carried to school fund,	100 00	
		138 00
Bal. on hand, March 1st, 1889,		$127 50

FUNDS HELD IN TRUST BY THE TOWN.

Literary fund,	$1,401 49
B. Whidden,	200 00

OLWYN W DOW,
LYMAN A. CONANT,
HENRY L. CLOUGH,
} Selectmen of Canterbury.

SCHOOL REPORT.

BLANCHARD.

The winter term was taught by Mr. Seth W. Jones, who is a hard-working, pains-taking teacher. At my visit at the commencement of the term there was every indication of a profitable school, but as time went on it was very apparent he did not have the united support of all the parents, which is so essential to the best interests of our schools. I was unable to be present at the close of the school, but hear very favorable reports of the pupils who were permitted to attend through the term.

We find quite too many absent marks on the register. If parents would have our schools a success the teacher should have their hearty support, and the scholars encouraged in regular attendance.

Reported by LOWELL T. MASON.

It is with much regret that I report the summer term of this school almost a failure. Those parents did wisely who required their children to attend till the close of the term. The teacher made a brave effort to regain control of the school, and succeeded in establishing a much better state of affairs than that prevailing at one time. The cordial co-operation of the patrons of the school, at this time, would have been of incalculable advantage to school and teacher.

Miss Clara Pickard, one of our well known teachers, and a lady of excellent scholarship, took charge during the fall term. I visited the school on the fifth week, and found the teacher working hard and using good methods of instruction. The order was much better than at any time in the previous term, and Miss Pickard was hoping to improve it. Unfortunately she was taken sick, and the school was closed without an examination.

BOROUGH.

One term of ten weeks was taught by Miss Edith Willey of Roxbury, Mass. The interest and diligence manifested by the

pupils was remarkable, considering the fact that each of the five pupils was doing a different grade of work. The attendance was excellent, and the school a success.

CENTER.

Miss Flora M. Adams of Plymouth had charge of this school during the entire year. Her zeal, energy, and industry are worthy of high praise. The school has profited by her continued services in a good degree. The attendance was much improved in the winter term. If parents and friends will earnestly endeavor to raise the standard of attendance in this school they will be surprised and pleased by the good results which, I am sure, will follow.

A school day missed is an opportunity lost that can never, by any possibility, return to the child. No pupil can fully recover ground lost by absence from the regular recitation. This is especially true of a school in which modern methods of teaching obtain and oral instruction is given.

EMERY.

The summer term was taught by Miss Lenora M. Dow, who labored zealously for the advancement of her pupils. Excellent order was the most notable characteristic of this school at the closing examination. Miss Lucy Ayers, the succeeding teacher, has a happy faculty of imparting information and awakening an interest in any subject; consequently some of the pupils made quite rapid progress during the fall term. The few pupils who attended the winter term at the Carter school house were very fortunate. The closing examination showed unusual improvement in penmanship and composition, and excellent work in geography.

It is to be regretted that the importance of children's improving every day of school, even at much sacrifice, is not yet fully appreciated by the parents and pupils of this neighborhood.

Reported by CAROLINE F. EMERY.

BAPTIST.

The first term was taught by Miss Ella C. Hancock, a lady who has had considerable experience in teaching, and here

succeeded in arousing a good degree of interest in the school, and maintained good order, acquired the love and respect of her pupils to that degree that it was best to employ her for the second term ; but after teaching two weeks was obliged to leave the school, and Miss Lenora M. Dow was employed through the remainder of the school year, and fully maintained her former reputation as a successful instructor.

HACKLEBOROUGH.

There was but one school here during the year (the scholars going to the Baptist school the two first terms), and that was instructed by Miss Hancock, who sustained her reputation as a faithful, pains-taking teacher.

HILLVILLE.

The school for the year was instructed by Mr. William D. Ingalls, who has had some experience in teaching in this town. He is a quiet, patient, self possessed and careful instructor, one who has the best interests of his pupils at heart, does nothing for show and parade, but gives good, honest, thorough work.

SHAKERS.

The first term of sixteen weeks was instructed by Miss Agnes E. Newton, assisted by Miss A. F. Montague. The school, as usual, was a complete success, and the society is to be congratulated on having the services of two such efficient teachers.

The second term of fourteen weeks was taught by Mr. Arthur Bruce, who justly ranks as one of our very best teachers. He is active, alert, keen, suffering no mistakes to go uncorrected, he infuses his own enthusiasm into his pupils, and as a natural result most excellent progress is made. This school fully shows the good results of a union of effort. It takes a high rank, and we rarely find a school that equals this in its order, system, and thoroughness.

Baptist, Hackleborough, Hillville, and Shakers reported by L. SARGENT.

GENERAL REMARKS.

Another school year has passed, and in presenting the annual report of our schools we beg leave to offer a few suggestions that occur to us as we take a brief review of the situation.

That our schools are not what they ought to be, or what they might be, were that interest taken in them that their importance demands. At the last annual election liberal appropriations were made, and it has been our intention to use the funds intrusted to us for the best interests of the pupils of our common schools. We feel that facts will justify us in saying that on the whole our schools have been successful at least to an average degree, and where mistakes have been made it is to be hoped they will not be considered intentional. It has seemed to us that parents have not at all times taken that deep interest in seeing that their children were at school in season in the morning, and there every day whenever it was practicable. We find in one school of eight weeks there was 430 half days lost time. Is not this too much time to lose, especially when we consider that many of our children do not attend school after they are seventeen years of age? From fifteen to twenty years ago it was no uncommon thing to find a majority of our scholars in school at twenty, and oftentimes at twenty one years of age. Why this change? It seems to us that we lose some three or four years of the scholar's best time for study. We hope this matter may be carefully considered. We would call the attention of some of our teachers to the matter of allowing questions at examination that were not answered correctly, or not at all, to pass unexplained, leaving the scholars in the dark to find out the solution as best he could. We hope this practice will not be continued. As it seems to us there is a very prolific source of trouble in our schools, and that is a want of union between teachers, parents and scholars. When all are agreed and work together in harmony the best results will follow; but when jealousy, district troubles, and party feelings are allowed to come in, results disastrous to the success of our schools will surely follow. Let us cast these evil influences away, and all as one work in unison for the common good. It is well known some hardship and cost follows the attempt to unite several localities in one school, but where there are so few scholars it seems the best that can be done. We earnestly hope that parents will take that deep interest they used to do in getting their scholars to school, and

thus avoid taking so much of the school money for the transportation of scholars, when, strictly speaking, it ought to be applied for the use of the schools. In view of this we would recommend that the Emery and Carter schools be permanently united, and one of the school houses be moved to some locality where both can be better accommodated than at present. The same remarks will apply to Nos. 10 and 11. The Baptist school house is utterly unfit for school purposes, and it will become necessary to build or refit the present house, or make some arrangement whereby the scholars in that locality can be accommodated at the Kezer seminary. Repairs are much needed on the school house at Hillville.

Several more topics might be touched upon, but we feel that we have already used the space allotted to us, and thanking you for the interest you have taken in our endeavors to serve you, the report is respectfully submitted.

LUTHER SARGENT, for School Board.

Canterbury, March 2d, 1889.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Caroline F. Emery, Treasurer, in account with Canterbury School District.

DR.

To cash received from L. Sargent, treasurer, 1887,	$ 49 72		
" " town treasurer,	1,425 50		
" " town treasurer, special tax,	130 00		
" " for tuition,	3 00		
Amount of receipts,			$1,608 25

CR.

By cash paid for wages and board of teachers,	$1,258 45	
school supplies,	13 22	
wood,	85 00	
tuition,	3 00	
conveyance of pupils,	97 50	
permanent repairs,	78 23	
incidental repairs,	6 60	
janitors,	10 10	
notices and record books,	2 75	
Penacook school tax,	7 32	
lawyer's fee for year 1887,	25 00	
Amount of expenditures,		$1,587 17
Balance in hands of treasurer,		$21 05

CAROLINE F. EMERY, Treasurer.

REPORT OF AUDITORS.

We, the undersigned, appointed to audit the accounts of the treasurer of the Town School District for the year ending March 1st, 1889, have attended to our duty and find said accounts correctly cast and properly vouched, and a balance in the hands of the treasurer of $21 05.

JOSEPH G. CLOUGH,
S. K. BOYCE, } Auditors.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

School	Number of Terms	Teachers	Wages per month including board	Weeks of school	No. in reading & spelling	Arithmetic	Geography	History	Grammar	Physiology	Algebra	Penmanship	Composition	Visits by Citizens	Visits by School Board	No. Pupils Registered	Average Daily Attendance
Blanchard	3	Margaret Donovan	$26 00	10	23	20	18	0	5	0		23	0	31	4	26	17
		Clara Pickard	26 00	8	27	24	24	0	5	0		25	0	10	1	27	21
		Seth W. Jones	34 00	10.5	30	26	19	0	9	0	0	28	0	12	1	30	21
Emery	3	Leonora M. Dow	24 00	10	18	11	6		3			10		9	2	18	14
		Lucy C. Ayers	24 00	10	24	19	7	1	5	3	2	10		26	3	25	13
		Lucy C. Ayers	25 00	8 2-5	10	8	9	0	2			9		5	2	10	6
Baptist	3	C. Ella Hancock	26 00	10	14	9	7	0	5			8	0	5	2	14	*
		Leonora M. Dow	24 00	10	17	10	6	0	2		2	11	0	3	1	17	16
		Leonora M. Dow	24 00	8	8	7	3	0	3	8		5	0	9	2	8	6
Hackle borough	1	C. Ella Hancock	24 00	8 2-5	9	8	5	1	4	0	2	8	4	17	2	9	9
Hillville	3	Wm. D. Ingalls	24 00	10	13	10	4	2	4	5		10	0	7	2	13	11
		Wm. D. Ingalls	26 00	10	12	8	4	4	4	0		9	0	4	2	12	11
		Wm. D. Ingalls	26 00	8 2-5	15	12	7	4	4	0	1	12	4	5	1	15	13
Center	3	Flora M. Adams	32 00	10													
		Flora M. Adams	36 00	10													
		Flora M. Adams	36 0(	8 2-5													
Shakers	2	Agnes E. Newton and A. Montague	26 00	16	31	30	25	0	28	0	0	29	20	1046	2	31	28
		Arthur Bruce	26 00	14	13	10	8	7	5	0	0	12	5	28	0	12	11
Borough	1	Edith A. Willey	20 00	10	5	4	4	1	1	0	0	4	1	7	2	5	4

* Not reported.